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In re Application of :
Furrukh Fahim :
Application No. 09/558,962 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 25 April, 2000 :
Atty Docket No. 43743-P001US :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 20 April, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on 18 February, 2005, for failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by the Notice of Allowability mailed on 17 November, 2004, which set a

¹Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

three (3)-month statutory period for reply. The filing of the present petition precedes the mailing of Notice of Abandonment.

Petitioner has now filed corrected drawings.

This application is being referred to the Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is positioned above the typed name.

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